(ड़) इन एककों में नियोजन श्रमिको को राज्य सरकार/केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उपलब्ध करायी गयी वित्तीय सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) से (ड़) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Comprehensive reform in Industrial Disputes Act

974. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering comprehensive reform in the Industrial Disputes Act;

(b) if so, the plan of Government;

(c) the suggestions received from trade unions and industry; and

(d) by when the reform will actually be made?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The Government of India has constituted a Bipartite Committee in November, 1996 with a view to formulating a comprehensive Industrial Relations Law which would include amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the Trade Unions Act, 1926. The issue regarding recognition of the trade unions through secret ballot has also been referred to the Bipartite Committee. The Committee is expected to finalise its report by 31st May, 1997. The Committee would consider suggestions received from various interest groups including from the trade and industry while finalising its recommendations. Government would consider amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act in the light of the recommendations of the Committee.

It would not be possible at this stage to indicate either the plan of the Government or when the reforms will actually be made.

Demand to review the Penal Provision in EPF Act

975. SHRIMATI BASANTISARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand to review the penal provisions in the Employees Provident Fund Act;

(b) if so, the response of the Government; and

(c) by when such a review will be made?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Suggestions have been received from time to time for making penal provisions in the EPF & MP Act, 1952 more stringent. Review of penal provisions and amendment of the Act is an ongoing process. Accordingly, comprehensive amendments were made in 1988 and penal provisions provided in sections 14 & 14AA were made more stringent. The existing penal provisions will be further reviewed as and when considered necessary.

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से बेरोजगार नवयुवकों का मैदानी क्षेत्रों में पलायन

976. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि देश में विशेषकर उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र में बेरोजगार नवयुवक रोजगार उपलब्ध न होने के कारण मैदानी क्षेत्रों में पलायन कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस पलायन को रोकने के लिए कोई योजना बना रही है; और

(ग) दिसम्बर, 1996 तक टिहरी गढ़वाल जिले में कितने बेरोजगार नवयुवकों द्वारा रोजगार कार्यालयों में पंजीकरण कराया गया है तथा तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेशके पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों के संबंध में आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 31 दिसम्बर, 1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार, टिहरी गढ़वाल के रोजगार कार्यालयों में 18236 रोजगार